

## THE CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

The Bedford Centre of the St. John Ambulance Association, of which Her Grace the Duchess of Bedford is President, and Mrs. Alfred Paine, Hon. Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendent, is exceptionally well organised, and the annual report gives us an insight into some of its activities. A depot has been opened for a department of work in which the centre has specialised, and a room rented where the soft slippers and flannel boots made according to the design of Mrs. Alfred Paine are prepared and given out to various working parties in the town and neighbouring villages, and to helpers who prefer to work at home. Over 10,000 pairs have already been made, and gratefully acknowledged by many hospitals at home and abroad. Valuing these at 2s. a pair this means that over £1,000 worth of slippers have been sent out, representing a large amount of work. The material of these slippers has cost under £250. That means good business.

During the epidemic of measles and pneumonia among the soldiers of the Highland Division quartered in the town last winter very generous and valuable assistance was given by members of the Centre in the form of gifts of invalid food, pneumonia jackets, garments and linen, and willing helpers gave up time to assist with the cooking and food at Wharfedale.

The ordinary and much appreciated work of the Association in supplying gifts of nourishing food for the patients of the District Nurses in the town has not been neglected. The demands on it increase owing to the growth of the town and the increased number of patients, many of whom are the result of the War, and its resources are taxed to the utmost.

The work of the Royal Army Medical Corps, at home and abroad, has got to be realised at its true national value; in the meanwhile, like the rest of those who have sacrificed self for the Empire's good, the men of the R.A.M.C. can do with help and kindness. Mrs. Charles Gibbs, assisted by a committee of ladies, in response to an urgent appeal from headquarters, proposes to open a depôt at 23, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W., for the reception of comforts for the men who are on active duty on the several fronts. The authorities ask urgently for scarves and mittens, and there is a pressing need for socks, shirts, cigarettes, tea, and other things. The comforts will be forwarded periodically to the R.A.M.C. Central Committee, at Millbank. If any ladies desire to meet together to work for the depôt, Mrs. Gibbs will be happy to arrange for sewing meetings to be held at her house.

It is reported that German physicians and officers have recently completed a tour of Belgian cities for the purpose of inspecting municipal and other buildings that would lend themselves to conversion into large hospitals. Complete

equipment has been ordered from Germany. This points to the expectation in the near future of a flood of wounded from the West.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

**Woolwich and Plumstead Cottage Hospital, Shooter's Hill.**—Miss Isobel A. Graham has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Bournemouth, and the Royal Free Hospital, London, and has been Sister at the Fountain Fever Hospital, Tooting, and the General Hospital, Cheltenham, and Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Moreton Hampstead. She has also had experience of private nursing at home and in India.

**Birmingham and Midland Hospital for Women, Showell Green Lane, Sparkbrook.**—Miss Margaret Cuss has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, London, and has been Charge-Nurse in St. Thomas' Home, Matron at the Teignmouth Hospital, and Matron at the Royal Albert Hospital, Devonport.

**North Lonsdale Hospital, Barrow-in-Furness.**—Miss Frances Creaser has been appointed Matron. She at present holds an appointment at the Seaside Hospital, Seaford, Sussex.

### NURSE-MATRON.

**Infectious Hospital, Cirencester.**—Miss E. Cleary has been appointed Nurse-Matron. She was trained at the Hendon Infirmary, London, and has held the position of Head Nurse at the Sanatorium, Southall, and the Grove Hospital (M.A.B.), London, and of Deputy Matron at the Sanitary Hospital, Bournemouth.

### SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

**Newark Union.**—Miss Millicent Fitchett has been appointed Superintendent Nurse. She was trained at the Bagthorpe Infirmary, Nottingham.

### SISTER-IN-CHARGE.

**Government Munition Factory, Hayes, Middlesex.**—Miss L. Barrett has been appointed Sister-in-Charge. She was trained at Crumpsall Infirmary, and the City of London Lying-in Hospital and has had experience of private nursing. She is a certified midwife, and a certificated masseuse.

### SISTER.

**The Infirmary, Plymouth.**—Miss E. Russell has been appointed Sister of the Theatre and Children's Ward. She was trained in the same institution and has been Sister at the Ashton-under-Lyne Infirmary, and Night Sister at the Oldham Union Infirmary.

**Bucknall Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Stoke-on-Trent.**—Miss M. Ward has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Cork Street Fever Hospital, Dublin, and at the Drumcondra Hospital in the same city, and has held the position of Night Sister in the former institution.

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